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A CRISIS APPROACHING

President Castro's Belligerency Towards France

MAY CAUSE A RUPTURE.

That Will Send French Warship to Castigate President Castro—United States Would Place No Obstacle.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A crisis is approaching in the Venezuela foreign relations, in the opinion of officials here. The latest action of President Castro's government in refusing to communicate with the French government through its charge d'affaires, because he protested against the seizure of the property of the French Cable company, is liable, it is thought here, to bring matters to a climax. If France should choose to send warships to castigate President Castro, it can be asserted with authority, the United States would place no obstacle in her way.

CHINA TO IMPROVE NAVY.

Will Buy Supplies in United States, London and Paris.

London, Eng., Sept. 22.—The Post says official information has been received from Peking to the effect that the Chinese government has arranged to open large credits with banking houses in London, Paris, and New York, for the purpose of making purchases of military and naval supplies.

It is also stated that the Chinese officials are preparing to circulate among the powers a formal notice of their intention to disregard the prohibition placed upon them by the allies at the time of the relief of Peking in 1900, forbidding the importation of arms and ammunition into China.

DISTRESS INCREASED.

More Earthquakes and Severe Storms in Calabria.

Monteleone, Sept. 22.—Further alight shocks of earthquake and violent storms extending over the whole of Calabria Wednesday added to the distress of the stricken population. Lightning caused a fire at Olivadi, which destroyed the remaining property belonging to survivors of the earthquakes. Panics occurred at Cantanzaro and Reggio, where several buildings were struck.

EBEN PLYMPTON, THE ACTOR

In Jail Charged With Assault With Intent to Kill.

Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 22.—Eben Plympton, the actor, was arraigned in the district court this morning charged with assault on Captain Geo. Martin, of New York, with intent to murder. The case was continued one week, to await the outcome of Martin's injuries, and Plympton was locked up in default of bail, which was placed at \$5,000.

WEAVERS STRIKE.

Go Out Because of a Reduction in Wages Paid.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 22.—Because of a reduction of eighteen cents per cut, forty-five weavers of the Slater Cotton Co. went out on strike this morning.

CANNOT GET ROOMS.

Centennial Entertainment Committee Strikes a Stone Wall.

Montpelier, Sept. 22.—The entertainment committee which is at work canvassing the city to procure rooms in private residences for the entertainment of visiting guests at the Centennial celebration is not meeting with marked success as far as it has been. The most discouraging, thus far taken, are being placed at the hands of the committee in the very localities in which they hoped to find the most. The remainder of the wards must open up their homes more liberally than those taken or the committee will be up against a most difficult proposition. The committee must have the co-operation of the citizens in this matter.

Will Resign in Spring.

Washington, Sept. 22.—It was learned today from unquestionable authority that Attorney-General Moody will resign from the cabinet next spring and that Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte will be transferred to the department of justice, as Attorney-General Moody is anxious to resume the practice of law in Massachusetts.

Sultan's Revolt.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Advices received today state that several of the sultans in French Congo, South Africa, have revolted, and that five white persons have been massacred.

Population of Hardwick.

M. E. Foster, clerk of the school board of Hardwick, has just completed the work of taking the school census. In addition he has taken a complete census of the village and finds at present 1,814 people here. In 1900 the population of the village was 1,334, a gain of 480 in five years.

NOT ALL DEALS PROFITABLE.

New York Life Lost \$300,000 on One With Syndicate.

New York, Sept. 22.—George W. Perkins, vice president of the New York Life Insurance company and member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., continued his testimony before the special legislative committee probing the insurance companies' methods yesterday afternoon. The principle development in the afternoon was the witness's disclosure that in the New Orleans Traction syndicate transaction the company sustained a loss of over \$300,000.

It was brought out that John Rhegan, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, was carrying a running loan with the New York Life of \$50,000 at 1½ per cent interest. Mr. Perkins did not know whether this matter came before the finance committee. Witness could not explain why, after the New York Life had bought \$4,000,000 worth of bonds from J. P. Morgan & Co. \$2,000,000 worth should be sold back to that firm at the same price within two months and no minutes of the finance committee could be found to explain it.

The transaction in navigation syndicate bonds of December 30, 1903, when Mr. Perkins, for the New York Life, sold Mr. Perkins for J. P. Morgan & Co., \$800,000 of these bonds came up again when the warrant for the check of \$800,266 was produced. These bonds were bought back by the New York Life within two days after and the \$266 Mr. Perkins testified was for the adjustment of interest. Mr. Perkins would not acknowledge the transaction was a loan.

The total dealings of the company with the Morgan firm amounted to \$30,000,000, with a profit of \$784,768.19. The manner of the company's income was for the present dropped, and the way of spending the money was taken up. The agency system was described and at this point Vice President Thomas A. Buckner was called. He stated that the total salaries of agency inspectors were \$120,000 annually. Agency directors got an average annual salary of \$3,000. The latter receive about \$100,000 annually in bonuses.

ARREST GREEN GOODS MEN.

Were Trapped by a Supposed Customer and a Detective.

New York, Sept. 22.—Posing as the man whom it was their intention to swindle, a central office detective on Wednesday arrested at the point of a pistol John H. Wilson, alias John Kane, and William Parker, alias Frank Morris, said by the police to be notorious "green goods" men and all round criminals. Up to the last moment Wilson and Parker believed that they were dealing with R. H. Jarrett, postmaster in Dillaboro, N. C.

It was a communication from Jarrett that put the police on the trail of the man. He recently wrote to the postal authorities that he had received green goods circulars from this city. Following the instruction, Jarrett answered the circular and in reply he received two more circulars and a new one dollar silver certificate as a sample of the "goods" with word to the effect that if he wished to make purchases in advance a telegram, giving the time and place of his arrival.

Jarrett telegraphed that he would arrive at one o'clock yesterday afternoon and that the \$500 worth of the "goods" should be saved for him. An answer was sent to him telling him to go to the Putnam House. These communications were forwarded to the detectives and the arrests followed.

RAIDED TENT SHOW.

Northfield Officers Got About 15 Gallons at the Fair Grounds.

Northfield, Sept. 22.—Chief of Police Hutchinson made a seizure yesterday of about fifteen gallons of wine and whiskey which was on the fair ground and en route to that destination and R. A. Leavett of Randolph has been arrested and is in jail awaiting his hearing, which will be held today.

Chief Hutchinson has been keeping his eye on the liquor which arrived on a freight train, and yesterday seized a considerable quantity. He believed there must be some more on the grounds and made a raid on the tent run by Mr. Leavett on the grounds, where he got a quantity more. Chief Hutchinson believes that about 40 quarts were disposed of between 10 o'clock Wednesday night to 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

F. H. PEABODY DEAD.

Senior Member of Firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Passes Away.

Boston, Sept. 22.—Francis H. Peabody, senior member of the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., died suddenly early this morning.

He died at Beverly Cove, where he had a summer residence. He was in his usual health last night, but was seized with heart trouble early this morning, and expired in half an hour. He was seventy-four years old.

Prominent Mason Dead.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 22.—Walter Jones, a former city engineer and prominent in city affairs, died this morning from heart disease, superinduced by an attack of ptomaine poisoning. He was a prominent Mason.

Ex-Gov. O'Farrell Dead.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 22.—Charles Triplett O'Farrell, ex-member of Congress, ex-governor and a confederate colonel and distinguished lawyer, died this morning. He was born in 1840.

Died in Hospital.

Boston, Sept. 22.—Clarence L. Bourne, who was injured under a wrecked car at Whitman, died at the Massachusetts general hospital this morning.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

Collision on Railroad Near Pittsburg.

PAY CAR AND PASSENGER.

Collision Scatters Checks — Trainmen Pick Up \$50,000 — Trains Met on a Sharp Curve Flanked by Trees.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Five men were killed and eight others seriously injured in collision between a pay train and a combination passenger and milk train on the Philadelphia, Harrisburg & Pittsburg branch of the Philadelphia & Reading at Rouses curve at Mount Holy Springs yesterday afternoon.

The pay train, consisting of a locomotive and one coach, was going West, carrying pay for the men along the division. The combination train composed of a locomotive combination coach and two passenger coaches, was coming east. The two trains ran together on the curve, which is a sharp one, and is flanked by a heavy clump of trees.

Engineer Anole of the pay train jumped from his engine and landed at the foot of a 25-foot embankment. His skull was fractured and he suffered contusions of the back. McCleary was found on his engine with the whistle cord in his hand, it having been pulled clear off the machine and all the brakes set.

The pay car contained about \$50,000 in checks, which were scattered about the tracks. The checks were picked up by trainmen and turned over to the attorney for the company at Carlisle. Officials of the company here say the accident was probably due to a misunderstanding of orders.

ONE MAN KILLED IN RIOT.

Policeman Seriously Injured in East Side Fight in New York.

New York, Sept. 22.—One man was killed, one policeman seriously injured and two other persons were shot in an East Side riot last night. The fighting followed the efforts of the police to clear away a crowd of men and women who had become disorderly in front of a restaurant in lower Second avenue.

There had been numerous complaints from the neighborhood that remnants of several of the recently broken up "gangs" on the East Side had been meeting at the restaurants and were being unruled. The police of the precinct were especially instructed by their captain last night to rid the vicinity of the vicious characters.

The appearance of Policeman Walter J. Miller on the scene was at once the signal for trouble. One of the women in the crowd jeered at him and when the men were told to move on they refused to do so. Miller arrested a young man named Jack Klein and was immediately set upon by the fellow's companions. Miller was hit heavily over the head with a club and fell to the ground, still retaining his hold on Klein. Then the poststrate policeman was kicked and beaten, but finally managed to draw his pistol, and after shouting a warning, fired twice. One bullet struck Klein between the shoulders and he fell dead. The second bullet passed through the leg of Max Felderbaum, causing a flesh wound, and then entered the foot of Florence Smith, a 19 year old girl.

WILL BE TRIED.

Benjamin Williams Must Answer to Charge of Murder.

Burlington, Sept. 22.—Benjamin Williams will be tried for the murder of Policeman James McGrath, that decision having been arrived at yesterday after an extended examination of experts, who testified as to his sanity. Four physicians, who have made a special study of insanity, were on the stand and three of them said that Williams was not insane and one said he did not know whether he was insane or simulating. It took the court but a few minutes after the hearing was over to decide to have the trial continue.

Williams maintained his attitude of silence yesterday, although throughout the afternoon he smiled frequently and watched the proceedings with apparent interest. He occupies a seat near his counsel, but never speaks to them. Just in rear of him is Deputy Sheriff Brodie, while a few feet away sits Deputy Sheriff Ravlin.

The hearing to determine whether the trial should continue was begun at nine o'clock and it was nearly noon before it was over. The afternoon was devoted to drawing the jury.

LIQUOR SELLER FINED \$1,050.

Brattleboro, Sept. 22.—Alonso Frazier, known as "Santiago," was convicted in the county court at Newfane yesterday of three offenses of liquor selling in Brattleboro and was fined by Judge Powell \$550 on each count, or a total of \$1,050 with expenses.

THE FAIR CONCLUDED

Between 5000 and 6000 at Northfield Fair.

THE RACES CONCLUDED.

Were Without Much Excitement, and All Won in Straight Heats — One Record Was Broken.

Northfield, Sept. 22.—The Dog River Valley Fair was concluded yesterday with an attendance of between 5,000 and 6,000. The races, which was concluded, were very good.

The results were as follows:
Special One-Half Mile, Purse \$100.
Slitsy, br. m., A. H. Hull, Graniteville, 1 1 1
Hooligan, br. g., A. H. Hull, Graniteville, 2 2 3
Oidell, Page Bros., Barre, 3 3 2
Time, 1:15½, 1:16 1-6, 1:15.

2:34 Class, Purse \$125.
Bill S., E. W. Pickle, Newport, 1 1 1
John Henry, J. W. Porter, Middlebury, 2 2 3
McKinley, F. W. Slayton, Barre, 3 3 2
Time, 2:29½, 2:32¾, 2:32.

2:22 Class, Purse \$175.
Lady Wilkes, William Smith, Conditook, P. Q., 1 1 1
Lady Lewis, W. A. Tirkey, Springfield, 2 2 2
Rejected Sid, 3 3 3
Red Rex, F. E. Felt, Northfield, 4 4 4
Time, 2:25½, 2:24, 2:23½.

Free for All, Purse \$200.

Starr Hal, I. W. Hill, Springfield, 2 1 1
Listen, Thomas & Rowell, Burlington, 1 2 2
St. Patrick Bell, Geo. Haslett, Hartford, 4 3 3
Golden Dream, 3 4 4
Time, 2:19, 2:18, 2:17½.

Both Starr Hal and Listen lowered the track record of 2:19 held for two years by Milo S., owned by Page Bros. of this city.

A SIX HEAT CONTEST.

Races at Caledonia County Fair Run Off in a Hurry.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 22.—Two days' races were crowded into one at the Caledonia County Fair yesterday. Only one race was unfinished, Miss K. winning two heats in the 2:22 class. Over 5,000 people were on the grounds and, considering the heavy track, excellent time was made. The following is the summary:

2:20 Class, Purse \$400.
Tobin, br. g., by Pedlar, Pomeroy, 1 1 1
Nedd Cole, ch. g., Kittredge, 2 2 4
Bell Direct, r. m., Yates, 4 3 2
Second Thought, ch. g., Yates, 3 4 3
Time—2:20½, 2:20½, 2:19½.

2:18 Class, Purse \$400.
Gov. Wentworth, b. s., by Ashland Wilkes, Harding, 1 1 1
Nedd Cole, Kittredge, 2 2 2
Conn, b. g., Utton, 3 4 3
Annie W., br. m., McShane, 4 3 4
Time, 2:19½, 2:19½, 2:18½.

2:25 Class, Purse \$300.
Defender, b. g., by Farman, Wilkes, Utton, 1 1 1
Sheldon Verthell, b. g., Harding, Hanover Girl, Spofford, 2 3 3
Time, 2:29½, 2:30½, 2:24½.

2:35 Class, Purse \$300.
Rain Bow, by Brad-Law Woodrow, 1 1 1
Barbara B., Spofford, 2 2 2
Fairbanks, Harding, 3 3 3
Lynn R., McFarland, 4 4 4
Alcantrese, Barrett, 5 dr.
Time, 2:24½, 2:25½, 2:27½.

2:22 Class, Purse \$400, Unfinished.
Miss K., b. m., by Muscovite, Pierce, 1 2 1
Margaret L., ch. g., by Gen. Logan, Utton, 3 1 3
Belle Direct, r. m., Yates, 2 3 2
Cresada, g. m., McFarland, 3 4 4
Winnie J., b. m., Yates, 4 5 dr.
Time, 2:21½, 2:19½, 2:23½.

2:14 Class, Purse \$400.
May Hathaway, b. m., by Anderson, Wilkes-Murphy, 1 1 1
Bunker Hill, b. g., Pickle, 2 4 2
Furzy, b. h., O'Neil, 4 2 3
Elizabeth S., b. m., Harding, 3 3 4
Time, 2:15½, 2:17½, 2:15½.

A CONTESTED WILL CASE.

Undue Influence With Weak Minded Testatrix is Charged.

Rutland, Sept. 22.—A will case of peculiar interest came to trial in Rutland county court late yesterday afternoon. John Smith, proponent of Bridget McNam's will, vs. James Quigley and Jane Cunningham, contestants. One of the principal beneficiaries is the Rev. Thomas J. Gaffney, of this city, who was bequeathed \$800. It is alleged that undue influence was used with the testatrix, prior to making the will and that she was weak minded. Quigley was a first cousin of the testatrix and got \$4,000, while Jane Cunningham, who nursed her for twelve years, did not get a cent. The estate is valued at \$4,500 and Father Gaffney is one of the trustees.

THE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

Decides to Continue Organization and Elects Officers.

Burlington, Sept. 22.—The sixteenth annual convention of the Vermont State Firemen's association was held in this city yesterday afternoon. The regular work of the convention was accomplished at the session held in city hall in the afternoon, while the gathering was brought to a close with a boat ride on the steamer Chateaugay last evening. The convention opened at two o'clock. President D. F. Catmody of Fair Haven, presided. President Catmody first called upon Mayor James E. Burke, who, after extending a welcome to the members of the convention, urged the importance of continuing the association. He said he had heard it reported that the association was to disband but he thought the State of Vermont is ill able to lose it. He thought the State Firemen's association ought to receive financial aid from the Legislature or from the fire insurance companies, which stand so in need of the assistance of the fire companies.

Officers for the year ensuing were elected as follows:
President—H. O. Kent of Montpelier.
First vice-president—Charles H. Stevens of Winoski.
Second vice-president—John H. Donnelly of Vergennes.
Third vice-president—Charles F. Rich of Middlebury.
Fourth vice-president—R. S. Warner of Johnson.
Fifth vice-president—E. C. Buck of Randolph.
Secretary—E. D. Moore of Bennington.
Treasurer—L. C. Grant of Burlington.
Executive committee—Fred Bigwood of Winoski, A. Coote of St. Albans, F. M. Davis of Morrisville, W. H. Farrell of Montpelier and C. O. Averill of Barre.
Auditors—Moses Murray of Burlington, D. F. Catmody of Fair Haven.
International representative—S. D. Miner of Vergennes.
Statistician—Moses Murray of Burlington.

FIRE NARROWLY AVERTED.

Discovery of Little Girl Saved the House.

Montpelier, Sept. 22.—A serious fire was narrowly averted at 2 Cliff street at noon today. The house is occupied by the families of James P. Holt and Charles Litch. Just after dinner a little Litch girl went up stairs and found the rooms filled with smoke. She gave the alarm and Mrs. Litch ran up and found a bed afire. She threw the mattress out of the window and easily extinguished the rest of the flames which had spread to the carpet. Mrs. Litch was burned considerably about her arms. The fire is thought to have been started by the children playing with matches.

SUPPER AND CONCERT.

Pleasant Entertainment at Presbyterian Church.

The annual fall supper and concert given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church last evening was a success in every way. About 250 people enjoyed the superb supper and a large part of them remained to the concert later in the evening in the auditorium of the church. A delightful programme was carried out as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Margaret Brown; vocal solo, John Anderson; reading, Miss Charlotte Crowe; vocal solo, Percy E. Bape of Montpelier; vocal solo, Miss Emma Phillips, every number being enjoyed.

IN COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings Delayed by Illness of One of Jurors.

Montpelier, Sept. 22.—The illness of Juror Goodwin of Calais delayed somewhat the trial of the case of Carrie C. Moody vs. the Metropolitan Life Insurance company in Washington county court yesterday. The sick juror was treated by a physician last evening, and was able to sit up this morning. The evidence and the arguments were made this forenoon. Goldie Sun Moore, under indictment for furnishing intoxicating liquor has been released on \$500 bail. Salvatore Bottali and D. Perini, both of Barre, also indicted for violation of the license law, have been released on bail.

SMOKE CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

Corridors in City Hall Filled to Suffocation.

Considerable excitement was aroused for a few minutes in the city building at 1:45 this afternoon, when a cloud of smoke began pouring up into the main corridor from the basement. Several employees in the building began to investigate and found that the smoke, seemingly, came from the furnace room, which was filled with smoke and was locked up. Janitor Jones was then notified and after hunting the furnace room all over finally discovered that the smoke was coming from a stove in a cell where the police had been burning up papers.

Hearing Over a Girl.

Montpelier, Sept. 22.—A hearing was held before Judge Powers at the county court house last evening in the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Blanche McFarland, a 14-year-old girl. Her father seeks to gain possession of her. The father and mother separated several years ago and the mother took the daughter to Massachusetts to live. Later the two came to Vermont for a visit and the father who lives in Hyde Park instituted proceedings. The hearing was not completed last evening. Colonel Sawyer of Hyde Park appears for the father, G. O. White of Boston and C. H. Senter of this city for the mother and daughter.

Winners Announced Tomorrow.

The winners in the Times' Quaker Range subscription contest will be announced in tomorrow's Times.

FIRE AT SO. RYEGATE

Destroys Hotel and Two Dwelling Houses

EARLY THIS MORNING.

Total Loss Estimated at \$6,000—Incendiary Suspected—Nearly Fifty People in Burned Buildings Make Hasty Exits.

South Ryegate, Sept. 22.—This village was visited by a disastrous fire early this morning which burned the hotel, livery stable, two dwelling houses and a barn, and it was only by the greatest labor that the new houses recently built by George Roben and Fred Tewksbury, were saved.

The loss is estimated at fully \$6,000. A party of young men who were returning from a moon hunt about one o'clock this morning were passing the house very recently vacated by Theodore Gray and family, when one of them, Fred Tewksbury, noticed a thin column of smoke coming out of the cellar window. They gave the alarm, but before a bucket brigade could be formed from the river across the railroad, the building was in flames. This house, which is owned by Archibald Park, is attached to the hotel by a wood shed and barn, and since both buildings are old, the fire spread rapidly. Help was obtained from Groton and Boltonville, nearby places, and an effective bucket brigade kept the new houses just above the hotel soaked with water, and kept the roofs of all the nearby buildings covered with wet carpets, etc.

The livery stable connected with the hotel was a new building (the old one being burned seven years ago) and was full of hay, but at the time there were no horses in it. The stable was not attached to the hotel, but was within a few feet of it and caught almost as soon as did the rear part of the hotel. The burning hay and sparks from the buildings were blown farther down the street, and it was impossible to keep the house occupied by R. Rabioli and owned by Mrs. Park of Newbury, from catching fire. This house is directly opposite the store of William Terry and dwelling house of Mrs. J. B. Darling. Much of the contents of these buildings were removed to places of safety, but by dint of hard work the fire was confined to the buildings already burning. By four o'clock there was nothing left of them but smoking embers.

There are many evidences that the fire was of incendiary origin, as there was a strong odor of kerosene when the fire was first discovered, and the rapid way in which it jumped from place to place about the buildings would look as if kerosene had been poured about the rooms.

The building in which the fire was first discovered was empty except for a load of furniture belonging to Frank Ross, which had been put into the house late yesterday afternoon by Mr. Rabioli, preparatory to bringing his family there to live. The house occupied by Mr. Rabioli is a boarding house and at the time of the fire there were about twenty people asleep in the building. In the hotel there were, besides the family of Mr. Grey who had recently moved there, about twenty lodgers. Most of the effects of the latter were saved as was part of the furniture belonging to Mr. Grey. Nearly everything was saved from the Rabioli house.

The hotel and livery stable were owned by Martin Gibson of Ryegate, and the loss is entirely covered by insurance. There was \$500 insurance on each of the other two dwellings.

Seven years ago the buildings on this same street down to the hotel were burned and have but recently been built up. Mr. Gibson has had an unfortunate experience with fire. About eight years ago his granite plant at what is known as Carter's Island, a short distance below here, was burned to the ground, along with a large boarding house and several dwellings owned by Mr. Gibson. A large part of the property burned the next year in this village was also owned by him. In addition to his South Ryegate fires he has lost a saw mill at East Ryegate within a year.

DURETT-PAPINEAU.

Two Barre People Married at Montpelier Wednesday Evening.

Miss Virginia Papineau of Barre town and Winfield S. Durett of this city were married Wednesday evening at the Congregational parsonage at Montpelier on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Lucien F. Reed performing the ceremony. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr.

Will reside for the present at 17 Farewell street.

Mr. Durett is a well known young teamster, employed by Louis Brasaw.

New Montpelier Patrolman.

Montpelier, Sept. 22.—Chief of Police John Durkin this afternoon appointed Elmer E. Patten, a regular patrolman on the force. Mr. Patten is 40 years of age and is considered a very competent man for the place. He has been employed in William Miller's bottling works.

Death of Mrs. John Scales.

The body of Mrs. John Scales, who died yesterday of consumption at No. 1 Hawes Place, was taken to Washington, her former home, where the funeral was held this afternoon. Interment was in the cemetery there.